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BRASILIA FOR DEWITT

1. COVERAGE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON, LATMA TRIP RELATED COMMENTS AND LOCAL STORIES PLAYED VERY MODERATELY INSIDE PAGES IN TODAY'S SAO PAULO NEWSPAPERS. MAIN THEMES: LATAM CONCERN WITH CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS AND PREOCCUPATION WITH BRAZIL'S STATUS AS WORLD POWER; CHILE'S EL MERCURIO SUPPORT OF US-BRAZIL ACCORD AND POSSIBILITY THAT ADDITIONAL TARIFFS ON BRAZILIAN SHOES WOULD DAMAGE RESULTS OF KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH GOB. NO TV COVERAGE OR COMMENTS LAST NIGHT.

2. SAMPLE HEADLINES, ALL INSIDE: 'KISSINGER SAYS LATAM IS UNITED' (AGAINST POSSIBLE NEW CUBAN AGGRESSIONS) (CONSERVATIVE O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, ONE COLUMN); 'KISSINGER SAYS ALL LATAM FEARS CUBANS' (CONSERVATIVE DIARIO DE SAO PAULO, FOUR COLUMNS); 'KISSINGER'S VISIT UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE RENDERED USLESS' (IF SHOE TARIFFS IMPOSED)-

SANTIAGO SUPPORTS BRAZIL-US AGREEMENT' - 'ACCORD
WORRIES ARGENTINA TOO' (LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO).

3. BUSINESS-ORIENTED DIARIO COMERCIO E INDUSTRIA
MIGUEL COLASUONNO, FORMER SAO PAULO CITY MAYOR AND
ASSISTANT TO PLANNING MINISTER REIS VELOSO,
COMMENTS ON KISSINGER-VELOSO MEETING IN THE FIRST
ARTICLE OF A TWO-PART SERIES: '...THE VISITOR SHOWED
NEGOTIATION ABILITY ABOVE EXPECTED AND SURPRISED
EVEN MORE SKEPTICAL BUREAUCRATS OF THE
ADMINISTRATION. ALTHOUGH THE (GENERAL) THEME WAS
PREDOMINANTLY POLITICAL, HE WAS BRIEFED BY MINISTER
VELOSO ON THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STRATEGY OF
BRAZILIAN ECONOMY, IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORY AND OF
TODAY'S LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL REALITY'.

4. NATIONALISTIC DIARIO POPULAR:
EDITORIAL COMMENTS ITC PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SHOE
TARIFFS: 'WE ARE NOT SURPRISED...WORRIED ABOUT THE
IMPACT OF THIS ISSUE IN THE U.S. (POLITICAL) CAMPAIGN.
ITC MEMBERS DID NOT EVEN WAIT A LITTLE LONGER IN ORDER
TO PRESERVE KISSINGER'S IMAGE BEFORE THE PUBLIC OPINION
OF A COUNTRY HE HAD JUST VISITED...KISSINGER TRIED
TO BOAST ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF
GOOD WILL (ON THE PART OF THE U.S.)...BUT ITC DECISION
IS AN EVIDENT CONTRADICTION OF THIS...IT REPRESENTS
A NEW THREAT TO BRAZIL...AFTER ALL THAT WAS SAID
IN BRASILIA, WE ARE MORE CONVINCED THAT EVEN OF THE
NECESSITY OF A GREATER AND MORE PROFITABLE
APPROXIMATION BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE U.S...BUT
EVERYTHING HAS A SATURATION POINT AND WE CANNOT
SINCERELY REGARD AS A FRIEND A COUNTRY THAT
EMBRACES US ONE DAY AND CREATES UNJUSTIFIABLE
OBSTACLES FOR OUR ADVANCEMENT THE NEXT'.

5. SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY RIO-DATED LINED STORY REPORTING
STATEMENT BY BRAZIL'S FINANCE MINISTRY TECHNICIANS
THAT EFFECTS OF KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL WILL BE
NULLIFIED IF PRESIDENT FORD ADOPTS NEW ITC-RECOMMENDED
TARIFFS ON SHOE IMPORTS.
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6. MOST PAPERS ALSO CARRY STORY FROM BRASILIA WHICH
SAYS THAT DURING YESTERDAY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
GEISEL, GOB'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
'DEBATED THE ECONOMIC ISSUES' TAKEN UP WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING TALKS WITH MINISTERS IN
THE ECONOMIC AREA. STORY ADDS EACH MINISTER REPORTED
TO GEISEL 'THE CONCRETE RESULTS OF THEIR TALKS WITH

PRESIDENT FORD'S ENVOY' AND THAT 'IN GENERAL, THEY
FOUND KISSINGER'S VISIT USEFUL'.
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